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Docket No. 60,426-268 (97P7720US03)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Oestreicher et al. ART UNIT: 3661  
 SERIAL NO.: 09/810,943 ✓ EXAMINER: Pipala, E.  
 FILED: March 16, 2001  
 FOR: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING WEIGHT  
 AND POSITION OF A VEHICLE SEAT OCCUPANT

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Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 22, 2003, please amend the application  
 as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 56.

36. (Previously Added) Apparatus comprising:
- a) a vehicle seat frame; 20
  - b) a plurality of deflectable mounting structures which together bear the entire weight of said frame; 22
  - c) a plurality of vehicle occupant weight sensor assemblies, each of said weight sensor assemblies comprising a strain gauge mounted on a corresponding one of said deflectable mounting structures; and
  - d) a vehicle occupant protection device responsive to said weight sensor assemblies.

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